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SUBJECT: SWEDISH NEWSPAPER REPORTS ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED US
RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER SWEDISH TERRITORY

1. IN FRONT-PAGE STORY ON AUGUST 25, STOCKHOLM DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET REPORTED THAT 200 FLIGHTS OF THE AMERICAN U-2 "SPY PLANE" WERE CARRIED OUT OVER SWEDISH TERRITORY WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF SWEDISH AUTHORITIES DURING THE PERIOD 1955-63. THE PAPER SAID THAT A DETAILED ARTICLE ON THESE FLIGHTS WOULD BE PUBLISHED SOON IN AN ISSUE OF FLYGREVVYN (AVIATION REVIEW) MAGAZINE. THE FLIGHTS WERE SAID TO HAVE USED FACILITIES AT BODO, NORWAY, ON THEIR WAY FROM THE USSR AND THAT SWEDISH RADAR AT THAT TIME WAS NOT CAPABLE OF DETECTING THEM AT AN ALTITUDE OF 25 KILOMETERS.

2. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1963, WHEN THE US AND USSR SWITCHED TO SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE INSTEAD OF U-2 AND U-2-TYPE PLANES, THAT MORE MODERN SWEDISH RADAR EQUIPMENT WAS ABLE TO DETECT OBJECTS
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AT A 25 KILOMETER HEIGHT.

3. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT THERE WERE INDICATIONS IN THE 1950'S THAT SOVIET FLIGHTS OVER SWEDEN WERE BEING CARRIED ON BUT THAT IT HAS BEEN UNKNOWN UNTIL NOW THAT THE US HAD USED THE QUICKEST ROUTE FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO BODO, I.E., OVER SWEDISH TERRITORY.

THE ARTICLE MENTIONS THAT THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY
IS UNWILLING TO COMMENT THUS FAR ON THE UNAUTHORIZED
FLIGHTS OVER SWEDISH TERRITORY BY US AIRCRAFT.
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